mentioned the fact that their general build and appearance is highly suggestive of the wild Horses sketched by primitive man upon ivory.

A really wild Horse, and possibly the ancestor of the European domestic Horse, is *E. przewalskii* of the sandy deserts of Central Asia. This animal has been believed to be a mule between the "Wild Ass and a feral Horse ; but if a distinct form, and probability seems to urge that view, it is interesting as breaking down the distinctions between Horses and Asses. The species possesses the four callosities of the Horse^ but has a poorer mane and an asinine tail.

There is no question that the Horse has been a domestic animal for very many centuries. Hieroglyphics appear to show that the Egyptians had not originally domesticated the Horse; it seems to have been first introduced among them "by the Hyksos or Shepherd Kings.[1] Whatever the date may be, it is certain that considerably anterior to the Egyptians the Assyrians and Phoenicians possessed Horses. In Western Europe the date of the introduction of the Horse seems to have been during the bronze epoch. Lord Avebury[2] has pointed out that out of eighteen cases of graves in which the remains of Horse were found, twelve contained metal implements, *i.e.* 6 6 per cent. This does not of course prove that the Horse was domesticated at that period, but it throws doubt upon the earlier occurrence of the Horse in abundance. The Horse, however, does occur on the Continent associated with the remains of man during the Quaternary period.[3]

Messrs. Coyer and Alix enumerate between fifty and sixty domesticated races of Horse, not counting the supposed wild varieties which have been already referred to. These may be further subdivided; for instance, under the race " pony " we may distinguish the Irish, Scotch, and Shetland varieties, all of which, however, according to Sanson, have originated in Ireland. They are used, remark the authors above quoted, " par les jeunes filles des lords pour leurs promenades/" The Arab, the Barb, the Suffolk Punch, etc., are among the numerous races of domestic Horses, into which to enter properly would

require another volume, and that of large size.

[1] **Cnyer and Alts, *Le* C%em2, Paris, 1886.**
[2] **Lubbock, *Prehistoric Times,* London, 1865.**
[3] **J. Oeikie, ^*Prehistoric JEhtr&pe,* London, 1881.**